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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S COURT CASE

1. THE SUPREME COURT MET FOR 30 MINUTES JULY 14 TO HEAR LAWYERS FOR MRS. GANDHI AND RAJ NARAIN ARGUE THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS FOR THE HEARING OF MRS. GANDHI'S APPEAL OF THE ALLAHABAD COURT DECISION ON MRS. GANDHI'S ELECTION FRAUD CASE.

2. MRS. GANDHI'S ATTORNEY REQUESTED THAT THE HEARING BEGIN NEXT WEEK. NARAIN'S ATTORNEY ASKED FOR A DELAY OF AT LEAST A MONTH. THE COURT SET AUGUST 11 FOR BEGINNING ORAL ARGUMENTS. NO CHANGE WAS MADE OR REQUESTED IN THE STAY ORDER ISSUED BY JUSTICE KRISHNA IYER THREE WEEKS AGO. THE COURT BENCH TO HEAR THE CASE WAS NOT NAMED.

3. ON JULY 12, THE GOI INSTRUCTED THAT NO PRESS STORIES ON THE COURT CASE BE PUBLISHED. THE SAME INSTRUCTION ALSO

BANNED ALL STORIES ON MATTERS WHICH WOULD BE BEFORE THE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION WHICH BEGINS JULY 21. CHIEF
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JUSTICE RAY, WHO PRESIDED OVER TODAY'S SUPREME COURT

SESSION, ORDERED THE CONFISCATION OF FILM BEING TAKEN
BY TV CREWS OF PERSONS ENTERING AND LEAVING THE COURTROOM.
THE PRESS WAS ALLOWED IN THE COURTROOM AND A BRIEF WIRESERVICE
REPORT NOTING THE DATE FOR THE HEARING IN AUGUST WAS ALLOWED
TO GO THROUGH CENSORSHIP.
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